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Latest news

HU1DL El Salvador –update

Everything is well prepared. We are ready! Our flights are departing on January 29th from Berlin. We will arrive in our booked beach-house late on the 29th. All our equipment will be with us during the flights, so hopefully have not to wait for any late freight. The team is very thankful to our early sponsors. They helped us to minimize the costs for over-sized baggage, license fees, transfers, rental costs and other costs for other ham related items. https://hu1dl.mydx.de/

VP9PJ South Orkney Islands -update

Landing and camping at South Orkney requires permission from several government agencies. This multi step process takes months to complete. We recently receivedour final approval, the "Antarctic Conservation Act Permit" from the National Science Foundation. Other agencies in the process were: the US Department of State and the Environmental Protection Agency. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance we received from these agencies to complete and submit the detailed applications and other required documentation. https://dx-world.net/vp8pj-south-orkney-islands-dxpedition/

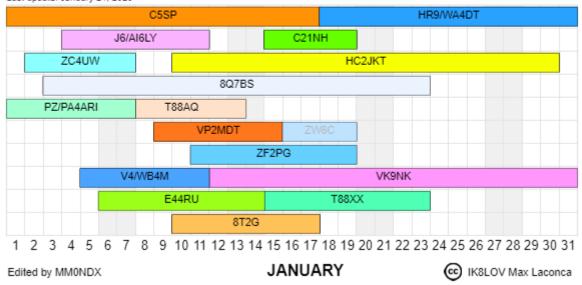
W8S Swains Island -update

The preparations are part of the fun too! An amazing load of work is done by all team members. Antennas, hardware, software, the camp set up, medical well-being, transportation, satellite connections, inter-camp communication, operating schedules, vaccinations to name just a few. The European members will depart from Amsterdam and Frankfurt on Saturday 7 March. Flying through Singapore, New Zealand and Samoa to their neighbouring islands – American Samoa. Our American members will depart the same weekend to meet up in Pago Pago. https://dx-world.net/w8s-swains-island/

DXCC Timeline

WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 21, 2020



DXCC

This week on HF

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is active until March 30 as 4S7KKG on HF using CW and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log, LoTW.

9J, ZAMBIA Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via IZ3KVD, Club Log OQRS.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PAORRS is QRV as 9M2MRS until February 27. Activity on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

C5, THE GAMBIA Bogdan SP2FUD and Zenon SP2GCJ are once again active from Brufut as C5FUD and C5GCJ. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY until January 31. QSL via homecalls.

C5, THE GAMBIA Russell, G5XW will be operating as C5XW from January 28 until February 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 17 meter. QSL via home call.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is active from Bijilo until March as C5YK. Operation from 60 to 10 meter using FT8 with some SSB and CW. QSL via home call, LoTW. http://www.on7yk.eu/

C6, BAHAMAS Buddy, WB40MG will be active from Grand Bahama Isl as C6AKI during the CQWW 160m CW contest. QSL via home call, LoTW.

EA8, CANARY ISL Erich, HB9FIH is operating as EA8/call from El Hierro until end March. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau and LoTW. http://hb9fih.org/

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is active as TO7D until mid-March as FG/call. Activity on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean, FG8NY is operating as TO10CWO until end January. This to mark 10 years of CW Ops. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

FR, REUNION ISLAND Roland, F8EN will be operating as FR/call between January 23 and February 18. Activity on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau, logsearch on http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php

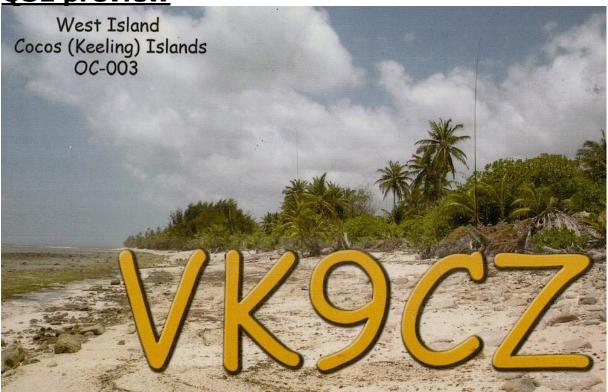
- **HC, ECUADOR** Rick, NE8Z is operating as HC1MD/2 until February 7 from Farallon Dillon Lighthouse. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via K8LJG direct or bureau, NE8Z bureau, LoTW.
- **HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end April from Finca Ligia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
- **HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until April 4. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.
- **P4, ARUBA** Lee, K3DMG is operating as P4/call until end February. QRV from 160 to 121 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.
- **PJ2, CURACAO** Jeff, K8ND will be active as PJ2ND until February 3, Jim W8WTS joins him as PJ2/call until January 28. An entry in the 160 meter contest is included as PJ2T. QSL for PJ2ND via K8ND, LoTW. PJ2T via W3HNK, LoTW. PJ2/W8WTS via home call, LoTW.
- **TI9, COCOS ISL** Mark XE1B and Frank HK5OKY will be active as TI9C between January 30 and February 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB only. QSL via XE1B, LoTW and Club Log OQRS. https://www.qrz.com/db/ti9c
- **TI, COSTA RICA** Rich, W4GKR is operating as TI5/call until February 4. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via home call.
- **TU, IVORY COAST** A team with Petr OK1BOA, Petr OK1FCJ and David OK6DJ are operating as TU5PCT until March 1. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, LoTW and OQRS.
- **V3, BELIZE** Gerd DJ4KW and Gisela DK9GG are operating as V31YN and V31GW until end February. QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home calls, LoTW.
- **VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until April 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.
- **VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Mel, W8MV will be QRV as VP2MCV between January 26 and February 2 using FM satellites with some HF.

Coming up soon

- **5H, TANZANIA** The Italian DXpedition will be operating between February 4 and February 18 from Zanzibar Island. QRV as 5I5TT (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as 5I4ZZ (FT8, FT4) with 5 stations. QSL via I2YSB. http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/ **6Y, JAMAICA** Neil, GORNU will be active as 6Y/call from February 4 until February 17.
- Active on all bands.
- **9G, GHANA** Matt, 9G5GS will once again be QRV from Sanzule between February 1 and February 26. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using mostly FT8 and SSB. QSL via IZ4YGS direct, LoTW.
- **E4, PALESTINE** The next F6KOP team DXpedition will be from Palestine as E44CC during February 5-17. QSL via F5GSJ direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS. https://palestine2020.wordpress.com/
- **E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS** Don, VE7DS will be active as E51DDG between February 2 and February 14. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.
- **FM, MARTINIQUE** Kan, JJ2RCJ will be operating as TO3FM between February 3-8. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS or LoTW.
- **H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 5 and April 20. QRV from his countryside QTH on Malaita Island. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB only.
- **Ti9, COCOS ISL** Jorge TI2JV, Dmitry RA9USU, Andrey UA3AB and Mats SM6LRR will be active as TI9A early February 2020. They depart Punta Arenas onboard the Okeanos on January 30th. Operation on all bands/modes. http://ti9a.info/
- **V3**, **BELIZE** Robert, W0YBS will be operating from Caye Caulker as V31CO starting on February 1 for 3 weeks. Activity on HF using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.
- **V3, BELIZE** Victor, WB0TEV will once again be active as V31VP between February 5 and February 11. QRV on HF using SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some CW.

YS, EL SALVADOR Andy DH8WR, Tom DJ6TF, Werner DJ9KH, Frank DL1KWK, Dietmar DL2HWA, Norbert DL2RNS, Georg DL4SVA, Olaf DL7JOM, Rolf DL7VEE and Franz DL9GFB will be operating as HU1DL between January 30 and February 13. This DX-pedition was possible with the help of YS1GMV, YS1AG, YS1MAE, YS1RS, YS1MS and team members of HU2DX (2012). QRV with 3 stations non-stop from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

QSL preview



IOTA

This week on HF

ASIA

AS-072 Pulau Lalang Perak Safri, 9M2SAF is active until January 27. This will be his first IOTA activity. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW/SSB/Digi. QSL via home call direct.

AS-099 Bozcaada Isl A large team will be active as TC0X during the 160 meter contest. QSL via HG5DX, direct or bureau, Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Dirk, WA4DT is QRV as HR9/call until February 2. Activity on 40 and 30 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call.

NA-092 North Padre Isl Rich, WA5LFD/P is operating until February 8 on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, LoTW.

NA-134 Asiaat Isl Bo, OX3LX is active until January 31. Best time will be around lunchtime and after dinner. QSL via OZ0J.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-034 Puna Isl Jon, EA1VE is active as HC2JKT until January 30. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-101 Alejandro Selkirk Isl The first week of February 2020 will see an IOTA DXpedition to Alejandro Selkirk Island, SA-101NEW take place. The island is situated 180km west of Robinson Crusoe Island (CE0/Z) in the southeastern Pacific Ocean. Nando IT9YRE and Mike K9AJ will be active on February 3-5 as CB0Z. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW, SSB and maybe FT8. http://www.it9yre.it/cb0z/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A team with N2IEN, WW2DX, W2RE and WW1X will be QRV as FJ/N2IEN (probably) from February 15 until February 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF.

HH, HAITI DX-World has learned that a 3-4 man team will be QRV from the northern part of Haiti and one of the coastal islands (NA-149) during early May 2020. More to follow.

PJ4, BONAIRE Scott, NE9U will once again be QRV as PJ4/call between February 8 and February 22. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included with NE9U, K1TO, K2NG and KK9K.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL VK9CZ is the next DXpedition by GM3WOJ and GM4YXI during November 12-29. http://www.vk9cz2019.com/

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Look for K6AM, N6MJ, N6WIN and W9KKN as ZF1A from Grand Cayman during the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16). QSL via K6AM.

THE REMINDERS

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND David, F8AAN will be operating as 3B9/call or as 3B9AN between March 9 and March 18. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log.

3D2, **FIJI** Will, AA4NC will be active as 3D2AA during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via EA5GL.

4K, AZERBAIJAN Furkan, TA7AOF will be active as 4K6/call between February 7 and February 12. Focus on the CQ WPX RTTY. See QRZ.com.

4W, TIMOR LESTE The Lagunaria DX Group is planning a large scale DXpedition to Timor-Leste (4W) in October / November 2020. We currently have one team member in Timor-Leste negotiating with different ministries, companies and accommodation facilities. Right now we have positive feedback from all. We even already have a confirmed reservation for two close by lodges to have enough space to host up to 10 stations. 18 operators will be ready to hand out this entity to the world. Serious participation in both CQWW contests included! http://timor-leste-dx.de/

5H, TANZANIA Charles, NK8O will again be active from Zinga as 5H3DX during mid-February to mid-March. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW and maybe FT8. QSL via NK8O.

6W, SENEGAL Willy, 6W7/ON4AVT will once again be active from Warang from mid-February until end March.

8Q, MALDIVES Hiro, JG1SXP will be operating as 8Q7HK from North Male Atoll between February 19 and February 24. QRV from 80 to 15 meter using CW, FT8 with some SSB. 160 meter might be possible. QSL via operators instrucitons.

- **8Q, MALDIVES** Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as 8Q7KB between May 4 and May 12. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.
- **9J, ZAMBIA** The Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a next trip from March 5 until March 15. Look for the team as 9J2LA. They will focus on CW and FT8 for the low bands and CW, SSB and FT8 for the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO. http://9j2la.com/
- C2, NAURU A Japanese team with JH3AZC, JH3QFL, JR3CWZ, JA1PFP and JH3VAA will be active as C21MB, C21AA, C21GW, C21PF and C21VA during February 5-8. QRV on HF and VHF bands. QSL via ops' QRZ page instructions.
- **C6, THE BAHAMAS** Mike, DF8AN will be operating as C6AAN after his ZF activation. QRV from February 23 until March. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call.
- **CEOY, EASTER ISLAND** Mike, VE7ACN will be operating as CE0Y/call from March 19 until March 30. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.
- **CYO, SABLE ISL** Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized for fall 2020. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html
- **FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Ismo OH2IS will be active as FJ/call between April 1-7. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.
- **FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Col, MM0NDX will once again be active as FJ/call or FJ/OJ0Y or both during early May. More to follow.
- **FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP will be QRV as TO7BP (CW WPX SSB contest) and as FM/call (before and after the contest) around March 28. Operation on HF. QSL for both calls via home call, bureau.
- **FM, MARTINIQUE** AI, F5VHJ will be QRV as TO5A during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via LoTW, OQRS.
- **FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be operating as TX4N and TX4VK between February 11 and February 17. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included as TX4N. QSL via EA5GL, Club Log OQRS.
- **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 30 and July 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.
- **J2, DJIBOUTI** A team with DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL6SAK, DL7BO, DL7DF, DL7UFR and SP3DOI between March 4 and March 16. Callsign is pending. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. http://www.dl7df.com/j2/
- **J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from April 6 until April 14. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.
- **J8, GRENADINES** Oleh, UR5BCP will be operating as J8/call from May 20 until May 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via KD7WPJ.
- **J8, GRENADINES** Dave, WJ2O will be QRV as J8/call between February 9 and February 20. Operation on HF using CW and FT8. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. OSL via N2ZN.
- KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.
- KH8, SWAINS ISLAND A large team will be operating as W8S between March 10 and March 25. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY with 4 stations from 2 different sites. https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/
- **OY, FAROE ISLANDS** Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

- P4, ARUBA Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). http://p4aruba.com/
 PJ4, BONAIRE Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M0OXO.
 PJ4, BONAIRE Phil, N2HX will be QRV as PJ4/call between March 1 and March 15. An entry in the ARRL SSB DX contest is included (March 7-8). Outside the contest QRV using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.
- **T30, WEST KIRIBATI** Look for Alex 5B4ALX as T30ET from March 18 until April 2 from Tarawa. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Alex will operate FT8 using a multi answer protocol (not to be confused with the Fox & Hound mode), with a focus on 20m during his day and 40m during his night (7-17 UTC). QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via IZ4AMS. http://www.5b4alx.cloud/
- **T8, PALAU** Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.
- **TI, COSTA RICA** TI7/G3WPH (Mike), TI7/G4IRN (John) and TI7/KY7M (Lee) will be QRV on all HF bands between February 10-17 and during the ARRL DX CW contest on February 15th/16th as TI7W. QSL for TI7W is via W4FS. QSL for the TI/home-calls will be via LoTW only.
- **TI, COSTA RICA** Mike W1USN and Robert AA1M will be active as TI5/calls from February 20 until March 4. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.
- **TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) during mid-2020 from Ndjamena. More to follow.
- **TU, IVORY COAST** TU2R will be active from March 23 until April 3 with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON1DX direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS Club Log. https://tu2r.wordpress.com/
- **V2, ANTIGUA** Flavio, IW2NEF will be operating as V26FP between March 6-13. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.
- **V3**, **BELIZE** Uwe, DL8UD will be QRV as V31KO from Mayahill between February 11 and February 20. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in ARRL CW contest as V3O is included. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.
- V3, BELIZE Iain, G4SGX will once again be QRV as V31GX during the 2020 BERU contest (March 14-15). Operation mostly on top band after the contest. QSL via LoTW. V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from February 21 until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.
- **V6, MICRONESIA** Sho, JA7HMZ will once again be active as V63DX from February 14 until February 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter. An entry in the ARRL CW contest as V6A is included. QSL via home call, direct.
- **VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Will, AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be active as VK9NR in 'holiday-style' during February 20-25. Operation on HF. QSL via EA5GL.
- **VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** John AF3K and Ross W2TT will be operating from Providenciales Island between March 26 and April 2 as VP5/calls. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included as VP5P. QSL via N2OO.
- **VP8, SOUTH ORKNEY** After their successful VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DXpedition, the Perseverance DX Group is pleased to announce their intention to activate South Orkney Islands as VP8PJ, currently Club Log #16 most wanted.
- Planning has begun for an expedition in February/March 2020. A team of experienced DX and Contest operators will operate from Signy Island for up to 15 days. The process of obtaining landing permission is underway. The call sign will be announced at a later date. The team will sail from Punta Arenas, Chile aboard RV Braveheart. Seven operating positions are planned for 160-10 meters, SSB/CW/Digital.
- The team includes: Dave K3EL, Les W2LK, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Arliss W7XU, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Mike WA6O, Vadym UT6UD, Walt N6XG and Rob N7QT. https://sorkney.com/

YJ, VANUATU Dates to be confirmed but Will, AA4NC will be operating from Port Villa as YJONC somewhere during March. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF.

YJ, VANUATU Continuing their Pacific journey, look for Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK to be active from Vanuatu as YJ0NC during March 3-6. QRV on HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

Z6, KOSOVO A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 9 and October 28. Dates may slightly change. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS Frank, KK5XX will be operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman from June 10 until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Mike, DF8AN will be operating as ZF2AN from Grand Cayman between February 14 and February 23. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call.

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THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-063 Pemba Isl Members of the Low Bands Contest Club will be operating as 5H4WZ between February 6 and February 18, 2020. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the ARRL DX CW and CQ WPX RTTY contests is included. QSL via OM3PA. http://om7m.org/dxpeditions/pemba/

ASIA

AS-068 Rastorguyeva Isl A team with Igor UA9KDF as team leader will be active as RI0B sometime mid-March. Dates depend on the weather.

AS-207 Kosa Dvukh Pilotov Isl A Russian Robinson team led by UA3AKO will be active as R207NEW sometime spring 2020. More to follow.

EUROPE

EU-111 Monach Isles G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). QRV outwith contest as GM3RCV.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl Yuri, N3QQ will be active as KL7RRC from Adak and perhaps another rare IOTA between June 6 and June 20, 2020. QSL via N7RO. https://www.na-234.com/

NA-153 Perez Isl A team with XE1SPM, XE1AY, XE1SRD and XE1SY will be operating as 6F3A from February 11 until February 17. This is a very rare IOTA. Operation from 80 to 6 meter with 3 stations. QSL via XE1SY.

NA-199 Tintamarre Isl Mike VE7ACN will be operating as FS/RW0CN from Saint Martin and as FS/VE7ACN between February 9 and February 16, 2020. Operation from 80 to 10 meter, maybe 160 also. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included.

NA-249 Culebra Isl The KP3RE team is returning during February 21-23, 2020. QSL via EA5GL.

OCEANIA

OC-092 Calayan Isl Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU2/call during the 2nd half of April 2020. Operation on HF using SSB, FT8/4.

OC-139 Kangaroo Isl Kangaroo Island, the largest island in the OC-139 group, will be activated by a small group of amateurs from Adelaide between July 22-28 from Emu Bay on the north coast of the island. This coincides with the IOTA Contest in 2020. The plans at this stage include operating on all bands from 160-10m, including as a Multi-2 station during the contest. Outside of the contest expect to see VK5KI on all HF bands and modes. https://vk5gr-iota.net/2020-vk5ki-oc-139/2400/

Antarctic Bases

Concordia Base Marco/IK5SQX/DK5SQX and Nicola/IZ7ZNZ are on Concordia. Marco is due to leave the station during February, while Nicola will stay on for a bit longer. They are expecting the callsign **IAODC** and want to concentrate on 20m (SSB)

Halley VI Base Until February 8 Seba SQ1SGB is active from Halley VI Base as VP8HAL on 40 and 20 meter using SSB and digital modes during his spare time. https://www.qrz.com/db/SQ1SGB

Neumayer III Station Felix, DL5XL is once again active from Antarctica using callsign DP1POL. Activity is January-February on HF bands, mainly in CW when time permits. QSL via DL1ZBO, LoTW.

Neumayer III Station Look for Roman, HB9HCF from Neumayer III Station during the upcoming 2020 scientific research season. QRV on satellites and possibly HF bands QSL via DL5EBE.

Wolf's Fang Camp Oleg, UA1PBA is operating when time permits as ZS7ANF. QSL via RK1PWA. http://www.waponline.it/zs7ant-a-new-antarctic-season-by-oleg-sakharov/

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

CO, CUBA Members of the DX Group of Cuba celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Mexican DXXE Group with the special event callsign **T40DXXE** until the <u>end of January</u>. QRV on HF (CW, SSB, FT8). QSL via CO8ZZ direct (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG LX20I is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used <u>for most contests in 2020</u>, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. http://lx7i.com/lx20i/

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active <u>throughout 2020</u> with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

OX, GREENLAND All people in the Danish Kingdom are going to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. The Queen on April 16, 2020 and so will the Danish amateur radio association EDR. In collaboration with the Greenlandic radio amateurs, we are organizing an event where many stations in the two entities will be active on all bands using the special callsigns **OX8ØHM** and **OZ8ØHM**. You will be able to obtain a special royal award on this day by contacting the different stations. Award rules will appear soon. The event will be throughout the day on April 16.

PY, BRAZIL Celebrating the 86th anniversary of the Liga de Amadores Brasilei- ros de Radio Emissao (LABRE, Brazil's national IARU society), special call **ZW86LABRE** will be active between February 1 and end March. QSL via PY2KP. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO The DXXE group celebrates their 15th anniversary <u>during 2020</u> with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA Look for **ZS95SARL** <u>during 2020</u>. This to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.

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5B, CYPRUS Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) <u>during 2020</u> as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also

recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DAODOM (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. <u>QRV during 2020</u> from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL) **DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DQ100SL** (special DOK 100SL) draws attention to the Treaty of Versailles, which instituted the Saargebiet or Saarland as a geographical and political entity. QRV <u>until end March</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL) **DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air <u>during 2020</u>. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. http://www.70darc.club/ (TNX 425DX)

- **DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active <u>throughout 2020</u> to mark the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)
- **F, FRANCE** Look for special event station **TM17AAW** to be on air <u>from 3 to 17 February</u> 2020. Activity is to celebrate the 17th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on https://www.qrz.com/db/TM17AAW

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon in the east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is WAP-302.

QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + 2 USD) or via buro. All Qso will be uploaded to LOTW. **F, FRANCE** Look for François F8DVD as **TM70TAAF** until January 26. The special callsign commemorates the 70th anniversary of the first Amateur Radio contacts with French Southern and Austral Territories (FSAT - TAAF). These took place in January 1950 during the building of scientific research stations on Saint Paul and Amsterdam island (FB8ZZ), Kerguelen island (FB8XX) and Adelie Land in Antarctica (FB8AX). TM70TAAF will be operated from F8DVD QTH in Mâcon, 60 km north of Lyon (JN26JH). Reference for WAP program is WAP 301 (www.waponline.it)

QSL via bureau, direct with SASE and LOTW.

For more info: www.grz.com/db/TM70TAAF

- **G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the New Year 2020, special event stations **GB0HNY**, **GB1HNY**, **GB2HNY**, **GB5HNY**, **GB6HNY**, **GB8HNY** and **GB9HNY** are active until January 24. They are being run by members of Denby Dale ARS. Paper QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)
- **G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60th anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on http://bartg.org.uk/wp/ (TNX 425DX) **HB9, SWITZERLAND** The Association des Radioamateurs de la Cote (HB9HI) is operating special event station **HE2JOJ** during January to mark the 3rd edition of the

Winter Youth Olympic Games (Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse) to be hosted by Lausanne. QSL via HB9HI (direct or bureau). A certificate will be available - complete information can be found on http://www.hb9hi.ch/he2joj. The Youth Olympic Games, an international multi-sport event organized by the International Olympic Committee, aim at bringing together talented young athletes aged 15-18 from around the world. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND HB40HTC and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40th anniversary <u>in 2020</u>. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW

activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". https://hb-ocwa.ch/

I, ITALY Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** <u>until end</u>
<u>August</u>. It draws attention to the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls <u>during 2020</u> to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

<u>January</u>: **II4BRN** Marconi's birth (1874)

February: **II4MLB** First radio broadcast of a musical performance: Dame Nellie

Melba's song recital (1920)

March: II4MCY Foundation of the first "Marconi Company" (1897)
April: II4FTX First transatlantic radio signals transmission (1901)

May: **II4TEA** First radio message between the United States and the United

Kingdom (1903)

bureau. (TNX 425DX).

June: **II4REP** Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)

<u>July</u>: **II4NBL** Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909) <u>August</u>: **II4CLT** Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

<u>September</u>: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: II4LGH Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa

via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/ for the award and more info.

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL) LU, ARGENTINA Members of AMSAT Argentina (LU7AA) celebrate the 30th anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite between January 18 and 26 on HF on SSB, FT8, CW. An award is available as well. QSL via LU7AA direct. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA The Bulgarian Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will honour the memory of Bulgarian saints <u>during January</u> as **LZ1908IK**. QSOs count towards the new All Saints 2020 award. QSL via bureau or direct.

OE, AUSTRIA Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX) **PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA75LIMBURG** commemorates the liberation of the province Limburg 75 years ago. QRV until March 2020. QSL via Club Log OQRS, PC8DB direct or

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station **PA75VERON** is active <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

SP, POLAND Special calls **3Z90PZK**, **HF90PZK**, **SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX) **UA, RUSSIA** The Russian Robinson Club is active as **R200ANT** until end March to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica. QSL via RZ3EC. The first confirmed sighting of mainland Antarctica (27 January 1820) is attributed to the Russian expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Lazarev, who discovered an ice shelf at Princess Martha Coast that later became known as the Fimbul Ice Shelf.

